

**To:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ackerman, Joyce  
**Sent:** Fri 9/11/2015 8:11:23 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Request for assistance from Montrose Dispatch Center for emergency communications

**From:** Loven - CDPS, Ronald [mailto:[ronald.loven@state.co.us](mailto:ronald.loven@state.co.us)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 9:18 AM  
**To:** Ackerman, Joyce; Myers, Craig  
**Cc:** Don Naccarato - CDPS; Tina Buneta - CDPS  
**Subject:** Re: Request for assistance from Montrose Dispatch Center for emergency communications

Joyce and Craig, thanks for the reply. I think the easiest thing would be to simply use a call sign of "Gold King Mine" should anyone need to contact our center via 8TAC91. Our radio procedures are fairly straightforward.

If you should need to call us, key the mic and say "Montrose, Gold King Mine on 8TAC91." Wait for our comm officer to acknowledge you i.e. "Gold King Mine, Montrose go ahead." Once that happens, simply tell us what the emergency is and where we need to send assistance. Our comm officers will prompt you for additional information if necessary. Once they have everything they need, we will "time out" the conversation with words to the effect of "Gold King Mine 10-4, 1425" or whatever time it happens to be and get help on the way.

I'll be glad to arrange a brief radio training for your staff if that would help to answer any questions they might have. Feel free to give me a call with any questions. My cell number is 970-765-1318.

Ron

On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 9:33 PM, Ackerman, Joyce <[Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Myers, Craig" <[Myers.Craig@epa.gov](mailto:Myers.Craig@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 20, 2015 at 6:42:23 PM MDT  
**To:** "Ackerman, Joyce" <[Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Way, Steven" <[way.steven@epa.gov](mailto:way.steven@epa.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: Request for assistance from Montrose Dispatch Center for emergency communications**

We have up to 12 radios on scene (VHF). They will be used on a non-patched EPA channel for normal ops. One mobile VHF radio in our truck will be on a set to a different federal frequency and patched to the 8TAC91 for Comms to Montrose. In the event of an emergency, crew have been instructed to switch channels to the emergency channel to contact Montrose.

We do not use call signs, as we generally do not operate on trunked systems. Please assign us one and we'll use it for the duration of the incident on 8TAC91.

Please call me with questions.[\(303\)808.1738](tel:(303)808.1738)

Thanks.

Craig Myers

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2015, at 8:50 AM, Ackerman, Joyce <[Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Craig and Steve – Can you help answer these questions for the radio dispatch? Thanks!

Joyce

**From:** Loven - CDPS, Ronald [mailto:[ronald.loven@state.co.us](mailto:ronald.loven@state.co.us)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 8:32 AM  
**To:** Ackerman, Joyce  
**Subject:** Re: Request for assistance from Montrose Dispatch Center for emergency communications

Joyce, I have received approval from our chain of command for this to move forward. I will need some additional information from you so we can finalize. (User names, how many people would have packsets, call signs, how they would call in, etc.) If you would give me a call at your convenience, that would be great. My cell number is 970-765-1318. Thanks!

Ron

On Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 3:28 PM, Loven - CDPS, Ronald <[ronald.loven@state.co.us](mailto:ronald.loven@state.co.us)> wrote:

Joyce, I have forwarded your request through our chain of command. I don't think this will be a problem at all, but just want to check. I'll be in touch. Thanks!

Ron

On Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 1:13 PM, Ackerman, Joyce <[Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Loven – Attached is a request from the U.S. EPA regarding establishing a system for emergency communications while EPA conducts remediation work at the Gold King Mine north of Silverton. I am assisting the field team with this request, so please do not hesitate to contact me or my co-worker Craig Myers with any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your assistance!

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